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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

CHRIST, JOACHIM

Examiner

Lan Nguyen

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 February 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 12-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 15-31 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 July 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)            | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____                                      |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Election/Restrictions***

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Species A in the reply filed on 2/8/07 is acknowledged. The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

2. Document 1913910 listed on the IDS dated 10/21/04 has been lined out since the document is missing from the file. It would be appreciated if Applicant would resubmit said document.

### ***Specification***

The following guidelines illustrate the preferred layout for the specification of a utility application. These guidelines are suggested for the applicant's use.

#### **Arrangement of the Specification**

As provided in 37 CFR 1.77(b), the specification of a utility application should include the following sections in order. Each of the lettered items should appear in upper case, without underlining or bold type, as a section heading. If no text follows the section heading, the phrase "Not Applicable" should follow the section heading:

- (a) TITLE OF THE INVENTION.
- (b) CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS.
- (c) STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT.
- (d) THE NAMES OF THE PARTIES TO A JOINT RESEARCH AGREEMENT.
- (e) INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISC.
- (f) BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.
  - (1) Field of the Invention.

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(2) Description of Related Art including information disclosed under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

(g) BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.

(h) BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S).

(i) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION.

(j) CLAIM OR CLAIMS (commencing on a separate sheet).

(k) ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (commencing on a separate sheet).

(l) SEQUENCE LISTING (See MPEP § 2424 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. A "Sequence Listing" is required on paper if the application discloses a nucleotide or amino acid sequence as defined in 37 CFR 1.821(a) and if the required "Sequence Listing" is not submitted as an electronic document on compact disc).

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

- Claim 14 recites the limitation "the friction lining" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
- Claim 14 also recites the limitation "coaxial" without reference to which axis or element that the inlet opening is being coaxial with.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

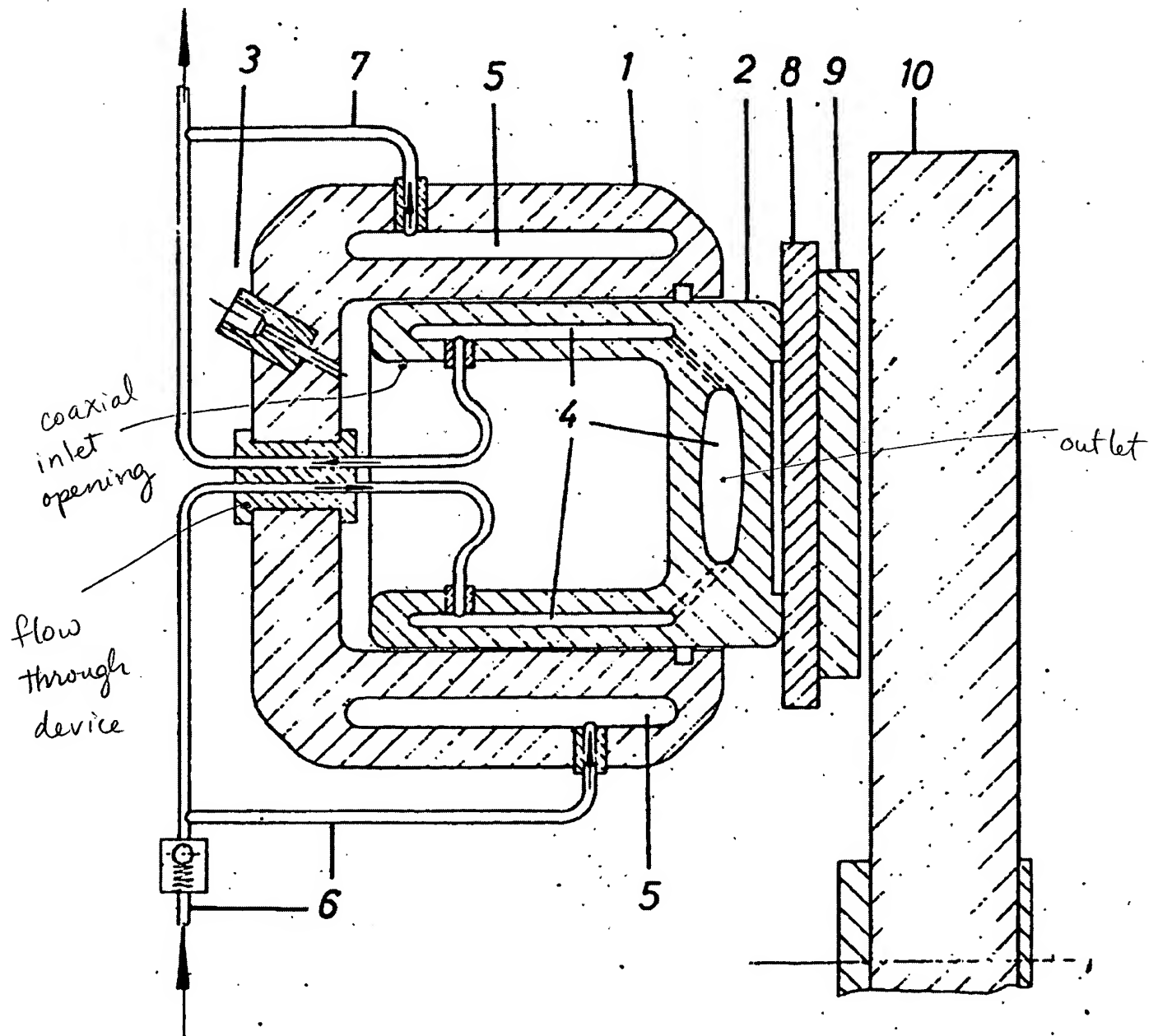
(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fuchs (DE 1903437).

Re: claim 1, Fuchs shows a brake caliper in figure 1, as in the present invention, having a caliper wall, the caliper wall defining a cylinder 1 with at least one axially displaceable, hydraulically actuated piston 2 received in the cylinder, with which a brake pad 8, 9 can be pressed against a brake disc 10, the piston defining a cavity 4 therewithin, with at least one inlet opening for feeding a cooling medium into the cavity, the inlet opening being arranged in the piston spaced away from the brake pad, and at least one outlet opening arranged in the piston adjacent to the brake pad for discharging cooling medium from the cavity, as marked below, characterized in that a flow through device, as marked below, extends from the caliper wall into the interior space of the piston to allow passage of cooling medium from outside the caliper wall to the cavity, as shown.

Re: claim 13, Fuchs shows the flow through device to be integral with the wall of the brake caliper, as shown.

Re: claim 14, Fuchs also shows the piston comprises a hollow cylinder, wherein the friction lining 9 is located on one face end of the cylinder and a coaxial inlet opening as marked below, through which the flow-through device extends, is provided in the other face end.



7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

8. Claims 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Cortanze (DE 10034364 A1).

Re: claim 1, Cortanze shows a brake caliper in figure 2, as in the present invention, having a caliper wall, the caliper wall defining a cylinder, with at least one axially displaceable, hydraulically actuated piston 1 received in the cylinder, with which a brake pad 8 can be pressed against a brake disc 9, the piston defining a cavity, therewithin, with at least one inlet opening 12 for feeding a cooling medium into the cavity, the inlet opening being arranged in the piston spaced away from the brake pad, and at least one outlet opening 11 arranged in the piston adjacent to the brake pad for discharging cooling medium from the cavity, characterized in that a flow through device 13, extends from the caliper wall into the interior space of the piston to allow passage of cooling medium from outside the caliper wall to the cavity, as shown.

Re: claim 13, Fuchs shows the flow through device to be integral with the wall of the brake caliper, as shown.

Re: claim 14, Fuchs also shows the piston comprises a hollow cylinder, wherein the friction lining 8 is located on one face end of the cylinder and a coaxial inlet opening through which the flow-through device extends, is provided in the other face end.

***Conclusion***

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Schwartz and Ogino et al. are cited for other brake systems with cooling arrangements.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lan Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-7121. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 7:30am to 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James McClellan can be reached on (571) 272-6786. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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